

Minutes Of The Meeting Of The City Council
City of Carthage, Missouri
April 23, 2019

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Dan Rife presiding. Fire Chief Roger Williams gave the invocation and Police Chief Greg Dagnan led the flag salute.

The following Council Members answered roll call: James Harrison, Ray West, David Armstrong, Mike Daugherty, Ceri Otero, Darren Collier, Alan Snow, Kirby Newport, Ed Barlow, and Juan Topete. City Administrator Tom Short and City Attorney Nate Dally were present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Greg Dagnan, Fire Chief Roger Williams, Public Works Director Zeb Carney, Parks Director Alan Bull, and City Clerk Traci Cox. Fire Chief Roger Williams left the meeting after the flag salute.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rife presented a Proclamation declaring April 26 as Arbor Day in the City of Carthage.

No citizens were present to speak during Citizens Participation Period.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget, Ways and Means Committee met on April 22 to review the agency requests for the 2020 Budget.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit & Claims met on this date in the Council Chambers and approve the claims. Banking service proposals were reviewed with Simmons Bank paying the highest interest rate and charging no fees for services. A Council Bill awarding the banking services to Simmons Bank will appear on the May 14 Council Agenda. Job descriptions for the Golf Operations Supervisor, Assistant Golf Course Operations Supervisor, and Memorial Hall Facility Supervisor along with a revised Chain of Command for the Parks & Recreation Department were reviewed. The job descriptions for Memorial Hall and Civil War Museum employees changed their supervision from the City Administrator to the Parks & Recreation Director. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to approve the new job descriptions and revised operational chart. Ms. Otero noted the pay structure for the incoming Parks & Recreation Director along with additional commission for the Pro Shop was also discussed. Mr. Newport felt it would be cleaner to have a separate contract for approval of the Parks & Recreation Director position. Mr. Short stated it could be reviewed by the Committee. Motion for the job descriptions and operational chart carried on a vote of 9-1 with

Mr. Armstrong casting the Nay vote. Ms. Otero noted the next meeting will be held on May 14 with a new meeting time of 5:00 pm going forward. Ms. Otero also mentioned the possibility of moving the meeting location from the Council Chambers to the new meeting room located upstairs at City Hall.

Mr. Harrison reported the Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for April 15 was cancelled due to lack of quorum. Mr. Harrison also mentioned using the new meeting room for future meetings of the Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Topete reported the Public Services Committee met April 16. Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to close the parking lots at Fair Acres for a carnival during Maple Leaf. Motion carried. Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to accept the bid from Jayhawk Signs for \$8,238.68 to replace the awnings at Memorial Hall. Motion carried. Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to accept the bid from Coverworx for \$32,610 for a new shelter house to be located between Kiddie Land and the stadium rock wall. Mr. Daugherty noted the budget allocated \$52,000 to this project. Mr. Topete retracted his motion. Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to negotiate purchase of a larger shelter house from Coverworx with funds available in the current budget. Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to change Caroline Street to Harlow Lane as requested by Mr. Phelps. Motion carried.

Mr. Daugherty reported the Public Works Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for May 7.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Topete for the Tree Board and Kellogg Lake Board, Mr. Armstrong for the Powers Museum, Mr. Daugherty for the Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Otero for the Jasper County Commissioners, Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council and Humane Society and Mr. Collier for the Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board.

Mayor Dan Rife reported on budget meetings, the annual MML Annual Conference and an economic development meeting.

During reports of Council Members, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Topete expressed their desire to centralize all City committee meetings to the new meeting room in City Hall, Mr. Armstrong was pleased to see updating the Civil War Museum video and the Park Master Plan in the budget for consideration but also wanted to see the elimination of the Landfill Closure Fund, Ms. Otero encouraged all to participate in the upcoming MML webinar.

City Attorney Nate Dally informed the council of a mediation date in June with the Railroad.

Police Chief Greg Dagnan reported on a Federal Court ruling that marking tires with chalk is unconstitutional and officers are no longer writing tickets for parking violations.

Fire Chief Roger Williams reported on work the Fire Department employees are doing at Fire Station #2.

Public Works Director Zeb Carney stated it is their busy time of year.

Parks & Recreation Director Alan Bull also stated they are in their busy time of year and he will be going to the school for Arbor Day celebration on April 26.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: a meeting with Pearson Kelly for IT services, a meeting with Dick Horton regarding a Parks Master Plan, Gary Markenson will be here on May 16 for council orientation, a bid opening for awnings at Memorial Hall, the employee Health Fair had a high attendance, a meeting with Region M Solid Waste Management District, a TAC Committee meeting, and a meeting regarding economic development projects.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$606,512.77 against the following funds: General Revenue \$86,354.45, Public Health \$124,068.71, Parks Stormwater \$52,235.79, Golf Course \$10,251.04, , Parks & Recreation \$86.17, Judicial Education \$226.20, Library \$25,000.00, Fire Protection \$685.43, Capital Improvements \$148,239.00, and Payroll \$159,365.98. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newport to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under old business, C.B. 19-15- An Ordinance to annexing certain adjacent territory into the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Harrison, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete, and West. The council bill was approved and numbered 19-17.

C.B. 19-16- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Dennis and Carolyn Detert, for the City of Carthage to purchase real estate commonly known as the Driving Range on Robert Ellis Young Drive, Carthage, Missouri for \$186,500.00 was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Harrison, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete, and West. The council bill was approved and numbered 19-18.

Under new business, C.B. 19-17- An Ordinance amending the Annual Operating and Capital Budget of the City of Carthage for fiscal year 2018-2019 was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 19-18- An Ordinance authorizing an agreement between the City of Carthage and the County of Jasper for collection of real estate taxes was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Lorie Neubert to the Care Leave Committee until April 2021 and Dale Hopp to the Carthage Tree Board until April 2022. Motion carried on a vote of 9-1 with Mr. Armstrong casting the Nay vote.

During closing remarks, Mr. Harrison clarified the Carthage Humane Society meeting is scheduled for April 24 at 6:00 pm. Mr. Armstrong requested appointments to city committees be invited to attend council meeting when they are being appointed, Mr. Collier expressed his frustrations with the parking issue stating it affects businesses on the square when potential customers cannot find a place to park.

Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

There was a short recess.

City Clerk Traci Cox administered the Oath of Office to Council Members James Harrison, David Armstrong, Raymond West, Ceri Otero, Alan Snow and Ed Barlow.

Mayor Rife called the meeting to order. The following Council Members answered roll call: Juan Topete, James Harrison, Ray West, David Armstrong, Mike Daugherty, Ceri Otero, Darren Collier, Alan Snow, Kirby Newport and Ed Barlow.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve the Mayor's Committee and Board Appointments. Motion carried to approve the Mayor's Committee and Board Appointments.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newport, to elect Ceri Otero as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried. There were no other nominations.

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Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to take Resolution 1866 off of the table. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison to approve Resolution 1866- A Resolution approving the recommendation of the McCune-Brooks Regional Hospital Trust for the Distribution of Funds from the Restricted Trust Fund. Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Collier, Daugherty, Harrison, Newport, Otero, Snow, Topete, and West.

During closing remarks, Mr. Collier welcomed Mr. Barlow to the Council. Mr. Snow encouraged the Council to attend the Budget Hearings. Mr. Newport congratulated all Council Members from the recent election.

Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.